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ITALY IS PREPARING FOR WAR

WILL THROW IN FORTUNES
WITH THOSE OF THE
ALLIED ARMIES

KAISER'S ARMIES AGAIN
DEFEATED IN POLAND

BERLIN REPORT, HOWEVER,
SAYS RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE
SUCCESSFULLY MET

(By Associated Press)
Rome, March 9.—Premier Salan-
dra today had a long interview with
Foreign Minister Sonnino. Tonight
a council of ministers will be called
in session. These facts, together
with other indications, lead to the
widespread belief that Italy is on
the eve of great decisive events. It
is reasonably certain that Italy will
join the Allies when the die is cast.

Germans Again Defeated in Poland.

London, March 9.—Both the right
and left flanks of the German forces
in Northern Poland have been dis-
lodged. Petrograd dispatches state,
from the positions they took on their
advance from East Prussia.

The German right wing is said to
have beaten a hasty retreat to with-
in eight miles of the border.

Today's official report from Ber-
lin, however, states that the Russian
offensive is being met successfully.
Several Russian assaults in this re-
gion are said to have been vigorously
repulsed.

The battle in Champagne has be-
come less violent. Heavy snow has
interrupted the fighting in the Vos-
ges and elsewhere along the western
front where there is no activity.
Further advance made by the Rus-
sians into Turkish Armenia is an-
nounced.

Greece Forms New Cabinet.

Athens, March 9.—M. Gounaris,
deputy for Patras, has consented to
form a new cabinet. The new premier
is expected to favor the continued
neutrality.

Turks Short on Ammunition.

Paris, March 9.—A Havas dispatch
from Rome says: "The Messagero's
Bucharest correspondent telegraphs
that the Turkish army is short of
rifle and artillery ammunition and
says this fact explains the feeble de-
fense of the Turkish forts. The Tur-
kish army in Europe." This dispatch
says, "Is well equipped, but lacks food
and ammunition. Orders have been
given to economize in the use of am-
munition since Rumania refuses to al-
low Austrian consignments to pass
through to Turkey."

Austrians Famished.

London, March 9.—Austrian pris-
oners from East Galicia and Bukovina
are pouring into Kiev, says a Reuter
dispatch from that Russian town,
eight thousand arriving there Sunday.
The members of one Austrian party
when captured are reported to have
said that they had been without food
for a week. Many of the prisoners
were so famished, according to the
dispatch, that they were unable to
resist, and with the arrival of Aus-
trians' provisions sat to eating, in-
different to all danger.

Warship Damaged.

Berlin, March 9.—Dispatches to the
Overseas News Agency from Rotter-
dam say it is reported at the Dutch
seaport that a damaged warship was
towed into the Frith of Forth, Scot-
land last Saturday.

Bombs Dropped on Ostend.

London, March 9.—The admiralty
Monday night issued the following
statement:
"Wing Commander Longmore re-
ports that an air attack on Ostend was
carried out Sunday afternoon by six
aeroplanes of the naval fleet. Of these,
two had to return owing to their petrol
freezing. The remainder reached
Ostend and dropped eleven bombs on
the submarine repair base and four
on the harbor." (Continued on Page Five.)

AUTO CLUB MEET AND ELECT OFFICERS

GOOD ROADS QUESTION DISCUSS-
ED AT MEETING HELD LAST
NIGHT AT CHAMBER.

The annual meeting of the Guthrie
Automobile club at the chamber of
commerce last evening was well at-
tended and much interest manifest-
ed throughout the meeting in the af-
fairs of the association and the work
of the coming year.

Officers for the year were elected
as follows: President, Wm. H. Heer,
vice president, Ed. Walton; secre-
tary, Maurice O'Rourke; Treasurer,
V. B. Curl; Directors, L. F. Leach,
Jr., N. Holman, Dr. E. G. Sharp, R.
J. Conaway, N. E. Wallace.

The road question was discussed
at some length and plans outlined
for pushing the road work during the
year, the association to work in con-
junction with the Good Roads com-
mittee of the chamber of commerce.

Several sociability runs for the
spring and early summer were also
discussed the same to be taken up
for further action at a good roads
smoker to be held by the club on
Monday evening, March 22.

There is much enthusiasm mani-
fested in all of the plans of the year
and the club will join the chamber
of commerce in its campaign to make
1915 Guthrie's best year.

TO FEED ACORNS TO CAM RUSSELL

Oklahoma City, Mar. 9.—A resolu-
tion was adopted by the house Mon-
day, after vigorous debate, instruct-
ing the house conferees on the gen-
eral revenue bill to stand out for the
elimination of the senate amendments
vitalizing the Campbell Russell pub-
lic service corporation tax for school pur-
poses, the gross revenue tax on pipe
lines and the graduated land tax.

The resolution was drawn up by
former State Senator A. F. Vande-
venter of Bartlesville, and introduced
by Representative Wash Hudson
of Tulsa.

Discussing the resolution Hudson
declared that Campbell Russell's var-
ious initiative petitions had cost the
people of the state \$210,000.

"I would favor an appropriation of
\$50,000 to ship Russell across the
turbulent seas, build him a castle on
the island and feed him on acorns
for the rest of his life," said Hudson.

SAW FIRST SNOW STORM IN OKLAHOMA

Ringling, Okla., Mar. 9.—Henry
Livingstone, who came here recently
from the California oil fields was in
the first snow storm he ever saw
last Saturday. He was born and
reared in California and organized in
that state the Tequisquet Oil company.
He had always lived in a section of
the state where snow is not known
and he was one of Healdton oil men
who remained out in the snow fall
to observe its beauty.

LOOK AT BOOKS CAUSES HIM TO QUIT

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 9.—
A. D. Humbarger has retired as finan-
cial secretary of the state board of
agriculture under fire. When his
books were taken over for examina-
tion, Humbarger quit.

A few weeks ago President Frank
Gault said he would shoot anyone
caught grafting in the state board of
agriculture.

KANSAS CITY STAR EDITOR STILL LIVES

(By Associated Press.)
Kansas City, Mo., March 9.—Physi-
cians today announced a change for
the better in the condition of Editor
Nelson of the Kansas City Star. He
recovered consciousness, talked with
his wife and daughter, and gave direc-
tions for work on his farm at "Grain
Valley." Physicians announced that
there had been a "considerable rally."
His mental condition is clear, but Mr.
Nelson is still in quite a critical
state.

AMERICAN FLAG STILL FLIES IN CONSTANTINOPLE.



Here is a photograph just taken in
Constantinople which proves, despite
reports that the Sultan is about to

leave with his harem, that the Ameri-
can flag still flies unharmed. The pic-
ture was taken at the Galata bridge,
one of the famous bridges in Constanti-
nople crossing an arm of the Bos-
phorus from Istanbul to the Turkish
quarter of the city, to Pera, the
European quarter. The flag is to be
seen on the small excursion steamer
in the left of the picture. No other
flag is visible. In fact, none except
the German and Austrian would be
possible there. Turkey is either at
war with every other nation or so

near it that such public display of
the flag of one of them would cause
trouble.

GOULDS LOSE CONTROL OF 2 ROADS

B. F. BUSH, BEER MAN, IS
NOW AT THE HEAD
OF THE M. P.

(By Associated Press)
St. Louis, March 9.—B. F. Bush of
St. Louis, was today elected chair-
man of the board of directors of the
Missouri Pacific and the Iron Moun-
tain railroads, and chairman of the
executive committees of both roads.
In these offices he replaced Charles
J. Gould, who was eliminated from
the official relationship to the roads
at the annual meeting. Kingdom
Gould and Frank J. Gould were not
re-elected as vice presidents of the
roads, and the election today marked
their passing from the control of the
roads.

Bush was re-elected president of
the combined system.

JOHNSON WILL SET FOR APRIL THIRD

Havana, March 9.—A fight for the
world's heavyweight championship
will take place at Havana Saturday,
April 3, between Jack Johnson and
Jesse Willard.

The last obstacle in the way of
having the fight take place here was
removed Monday afternoon when the
promoter who endeavored to have the
men meet at Juarez, Mexico, March
6, received a cable from Willard say-
ing that he would start immediately
for Havana, arriving here from New
Orleans March 15.

The terms for the fight are identical
with those which would have prevail-
ed had the encounter taken place at
Juarez.

The site for the battle has not yet
been selected but several excellent
places are available. Johnson began
training Monday.

FRUIT CROP NEVER LOOKED BETTER

ONE FIRM SELLS LOGAN COUNTY
PEACH GROWERS 100,000
BASKETS.

That the fruit growers of Logan
county are firm in their conviction that
a bumper fruit crop is in the making
is evidenced by the fact that more
than 100,000 bushel baskets, in which
to gather the crop have already been
sold to the Logan county fruit grow-
ers, so far, and the season has not
yet opened. It is estimated that more
than 600 cars of Elberta peaches will
be shipped from Guthrie this sum-
mer.

CHARGED WITH LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION

On complaint issued by County At-
torney Arthur Swank, a warrant was
sworn out yesterday for Dan Mater.
Mater is charged with felony under
the new statute. Judge Swank se-
cured the information while taking
the testimony in another booze case.
It became the duty of the county at-
torney, under the new act to proceed
where evidence is prescribed.

CARTER ENDORSES ACTION OF COUNTY ATTY SWANK

Five joints and houses of disrepute
have been raided the past week by
city officers and a general clean-up
is promised. "Joints are on the ta-
boo," said Chief of Police Carter, to-
day. "You may say for me that I
am with County Attorney Arthur
Swank in this crusade and think he
is a fine official; I certainly will aid
him in every way."

ACTIONS STARTED IN DISTRICT COURT

The following money suits have
been filed in district court.
First National Bank vs. Cimarron
Township, recovery of money or
contract.

Knebel Investment Company vs. I.
N. Lone, et al, foreclosure of mort-
gage on lots in Capitol Hill.

A. Howard vs. G. J. Martin, et al,
foreclosure of mechanics lien at
Crescent City.

PLANS FOR STATE MILITIA ANNOUNCED

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 9.—
Tentative plans of the state military
department for the spring and summer
were announced Monday by Adjutant
General Frank M. Canton. The big
annual state encampment will be held
in July, probably at Chandler, on ac-
count of the fine rifle range there.

The camp for the instruction of in-
fantry officers will be the first gather-
ing of the year. It will be held at
Guthrie May 2 to 10. Cavalry officers
from Oklahoma City and Okemah will
go to Fort Oglethorpe for instruction,
the date of this gathering to be set
later. Field hospital officers will re-
ceive training at Fort Leavenworth,
Kan., late in May.

Company C, recently transferred
from Shawnee to Guthrie, has been
reorganized and will be ready to be
mustered into the service within a
few days.

DEATH PENALTY PREVAILS

LEGISLATURE TURNS DEAF
EAR TO THE PLEA
OF OPPONENTS

Turning a deaf ear to eloquent
pleas of the opponents of so-called
"legalized killing," the Oklahoma
house of representatives late Monday
afternoon killed the Dickerson-Abney
bill proposing abolition of capital pun-
ishment in Oklahoma.

The measure was not killed on a
direct vote, but through the adoption
of a substitute bill, offered by Rep-
resentative W. T. Powell of Comanche
and Cotton counties, which provides
two ways of inflicting the death pen-
alty instead of one. By the terms of
the substitute the governor or the
trial judge may direct whether a con-
demned person may be put to death
by hanging or electrocution.

The substitute was adopted by a
vote of thirty-seven to twenty-eight.
The report of the committee of the
whole recommending passage of the
substitute was adopted by a vote of
forty-two to thirty-six. A motion to
reconsider was lodged by Representa-
tive L. D. Abney of Garvin county,
one of the authors of the original bill,
and if the reconsideration is granted
a second fight will be made for the
abolition of capital punishment.

To Avoid Complications.

The object of the substitute in pro-
viding for a return to hanging as a
means of inflicting the death penalty
is to obviate any complications that
might arise in carrying out death sen-
tences in the event the bill now pend-
ing in the legislature, proposing an
appropriation of \$4,500 for the pur-
chase of an electric chair, should be
defeated. There is considerable sen-
timent against an appropriation for
that purpose. It has been repeatedly
urged by members of the house that
if the state is going to continue in the
"man-killing business" it should be
done in some cheaper way than elec-
trocution.

Debate in favor of the bill, abolish-

(Continued on Page Five.)

FLOWERS AND PARKS WAS LEADING TOPIC

CITY FEDERATION HOLD INTER-
ESTING MEETING AT CITY
HALL MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The parks and flowers committee
of the City Federation held a most
enthusiastic meeting Monday after-
noon at 2 o'clock in the office of
Superintendent Brooks. The chair-
man of this committee had asked the
different organizations of the city and
the church to have representatives
present and about twenty responded.
Rev. Pittenger and Rev. Finley
pledged their aid toward beautifying

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LAWMAKING IS MADE EASY

ALL THAT IS NECESSARY IS THE
DESTRUCTION OF WHAT
IS NOT WANTED.

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 9.—
A legislative investigation of charges
that some one tampered with the Dis-
ney bill fixing salaries of Muskogee
county officials and deputies, which
became law Saturday, was demanded
by the senate Monday.

The house passed the bill in such
a way as to increase the salaries
\$9000 a year. The senate amended
it so as to cut the present salaries
\$8800 per annum and the house en-
rolling department enrolled the origi-
nal bill without the amendments.

Speaker McCrory and Lieutenant
Governor Trapp signed the enrolled
bill, it went to Governor Williams, re-
ceived his approval and became a law
under the emergency clause Satur-
day afternoon.

Senators Russell and Davidson, au-
thors of the senate amendments, in-
troduced, a concurrent resolution ask-
ing for an investigation by a joint
committee of three from each house
sworn testimony to be taken and re-
sponsibility fixed.

"Sundry and divers persons from
Muskogee county, some of whom are
expected beneficiaries under the pro-
visions of the said House Bill No.
173 have been in and around the Ok-
lahoma legislature during the past
week," said the resolution. Accord-
ing to common rumor the bill was
last in the hands of the lieutenant
governor.

BOOSTERS ORGANIZE A BAND OF 30 PIECES

A booster band of 30 pieces was or-
ganized at the city hall last night by
the Young Men's Booster association.
Several selections were played and
Professor Ludington, the new musical
director, expressed himself as highly
pleased with the talent here.

The weather permitting, a concert
will be given at the municipal bath
house next Friday night and it is
hoped that every one will come out
and enjoy it.

The Booster club is to be congrat-
ulated in its success of obtaining a
musical director and organizing the
band in such short space of time.
This is only one of the many things
that the Boosters have started and
it is hoped that they will meet with
the same success in all of their un-
dertakings.

Following are the chairmen of the
different committees:
Publicity—C. E. Shewe.
Civic—M. F. Smith.
Auditing—J. H. Craven.
Convention—R. Wolcott.
Entertainment—E. E. Parsons.
Legislation—C. A. Marr.
Membership—W. L. Lenard.
Educational—Harry Carlin.
Music—H. G. Stiffey.
Athletic—Fred Beck.

OKLA. CONSUL TRANS- FERRED FROM FRANCE

Washington, March 9.—The state
department announces the transfer of
the following consuls:

A. T. Haebler, St. Louis, from St.
Michael, Azores, to Pernambuco,
Brazil; Walter S. Schulze, Oklahoma
City, from Nantes, France, to St.
Michael, Azores.

H. C. A. Dunn, Seawane, Tenn.,
from Stettin, Germany, to Aix-La-
Chapelle, Prussia.

William J. Yerby, Memphis, Tenn.,
from Sierra Leone, West Africa, to
Dakar, West Africa.

Maddie Summers, Nashville, Tenn.,
from Santos, Brazil, to Sao Paulo,
Brazil.

Homey Brett, Meridian, Miss., from
Teneriffe, Canary Islands, to Lag-
ayra, Venezuela.

FAMILY IS KILLED.

Aniston, Ala., March 9.—The bod-
ies of J. A. Cooper, his wife and
their son, T. A. Cooper, were dis-
covered in the Cooper home near
here early Monday morning. The
positions of the bodies indicated that
the son had shot his parents as they
lay in bed and then had committed
suicide. A shotgun was found be-
side young Cooper's body.

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CONDITION IN MEXICO IS CRITICAL

PRESIDENT WILSON TAKES
FIRM STAND AND TELLS
CARRANZA FACTS

WARSHIPS SAIL FOR
VERA CRUZ HARBOR

FOOD CONDITION IN CAPITAL
OF MEXICO DEMANDS IM-
MEDIATE ATTENTION

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 9.—Rear Ad-
miral Fletcher has selected the ar-
mored cruiser Washington, now in
Haitian waters, with Rear Admiral
Caperton and the battleship Georgia,
commanded by Capt. Robert Coontz,
now at Guantanamo, to proceed to
Vera Cruz.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 9.—General
Carranza, in his oral reply to Ameri-
can Consul Silliman, when the latter
presented the note from the United
States government on the conditions
existing in Mexico City, entered a
general denial, on the declaration
that General Obregon had prevented
food from entering the capital or had
sent any supplies out of the city.

After a conference with President
Wilson, Secretary Daniels ordered
Rear Admiral Fletcher, commanding
the Atlantic fleet, at Guantanamo, to
send two battleships to Vera Cruz to
strengthen the fleet of small craft
already there.

Admiral Fletcher will select the
ships and send a flag officer to take
command. President Wilson, de-
scribing the latest American repre-
sentation, said Gen. Carranza had
been called upon to take the neces-
sary steps to protect all foreigners
in Mexico City and had been inform-
ed of what the Washington govern-
ment has heard of the conditions there
and just how serious they seemed to
be.

The administration did not issue
an ultimatum. But expressed its
views forcibly. President Wilson re-
ferred to the fear of outrages in the
Mexican capital as being more press-
ing at present than anything that
had already occurred. The fear was,
he said, that the city would be evacu-
ated and left without adequate pro-
tection.

Battleships For Vera Cruz.

Washington, D. C., March 9.—Gen-
eral Carranza has been informed in a
note from the United States govern-
ment that unless there is an improve-
ment in conditions with respect to
foreigners and their interests in
Mexican territory under his control,
such steps as may be necessary will
be taken by the American govern-
ment to obtain the desired protection.

The note is the strongest and most
emphatic document that has been
sent by the Washington government
to Mexico since the correspondence
with Huerta a year ago. Carranza is
warned that the United States has

THE WEATHER



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What Government Forecaster Reports
Via Ophelia

(By Associated Press.)
New Orleans, La., March 9.—To-
night, cloudy, snow; Wednesday, gen-
erally fair, warmer.